cess and depending upon the availability of resources, all necessary facilities would be provided in the Institute in the Ninth Plan period.

**Names of airlines not desiring to opearate to/from Davangere**

2528. SHRI K.R. JAYADEVAPPA:
SHRI GUNDAPPA KORWAR:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 3543 given in the Rajya Sabha on 10th September, 1996 and to state:

(a) the names of airlines who have not desired to operate to/from Davangere;

(b) the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Airports Authority of India has plans to establish airports for operation of 50 seater aircraft like Hassan in other cities of Karnataka including Davangere;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM): (a) and (b) No airlines has shown interest to operate to/from Davangere, since there is no airport.

(c) to (e) Airports Authority of India has plans to develop an airport at Hassan for operation of 50 seater aircraft. There is no request from the State Government for developing an airport at Davangere.

**New Income Tax Law**

2529. SHRI RAGHAVJI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are formulating a new income tax law;

(b) if so, whether it will be circulated in order to seek views of the people before introducing the same in the Parliament; if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) by when the new law is likely to be introduced in the Parliament?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Government has set up an expert Group with a view to rationalising and simplifying the Icome-tax Act, 1961 to re-write a new Direct Tax Law.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The new Direct Tax Law will be introduced in Parliament soon after the Government has examined the recommendations of the expert group and the views of the public.

**Extension to officers of State Bank of Indore**

2530. SHRI GOVINDRAM MIRI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of officers of the State Bank of Indore were given extension in service after superannuation during 1994 to date;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that in about 50% of these cases, the officers have been investigated by the CBI on corruption charges;

(d) whether vigilance clearance was obtained in these cases before granting extension in service;

(e) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(f) what action Government propose to take against the officers responsible for such unbecoming action in granting extension to the tainted officers?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (f) Information is being collected and, to the extent available, will be laid on the Table of the House.

**Order of Debt recovery Tribunal on Petition filed by Central Bank**